

Notice of Public Hearing

by the

State of Nevada

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that a public hearing regarding the proposed renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV95111** for a **water management facility**, the **Pipeline Infiltration Project**, has been scheduled for 6:00 P.M., August 09, 2001 in the Main Conference Room, Battle Mountain Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV, 89820.

Public notice for the draft permit renewal was given May 15, 2001 in The Battle Mountain Bugle. The Administrator has determined that there is sufficient public interest in the draft permit renewal to warrant a public hearing.

The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV95111 is:

Cortez Joint Venture
Pipeline Infiltration Project
Star Route HC 66, Box 1250
Crescent Valley, NV 89821-9708

The facilities are located in portions of Sections 13, 15, 21, 22, and 27, T28N, R47E; Sections 13 and 24, T27N, R46E; and unsurveyed Sections 7, 18, and 19, T27N, R47E, MDB&M, approximately 35 miles southeast of the town of Battle Mountain, Lander County, Nevada. The project consists of dewatering wells for the Pipeline open pit mining operation, conveyance pumps and pipelines to infiltration basins and irrigation sites, and associated monitoring wells. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in the Water Pollution Control Permit.

Members of the public wishing to comment on the proposed permit renewal and/or to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit renewal are invited to attend the meeting and provide comments and information which are pertinent to the Water Pollution Control Permit. The Division may set a five (5) minute time limit for oral statements based on the number of people in attendance who would like to comment. Comments must also be submitted in writing to be addressed in the Notice of Decision (NOD). Comments and information may be submitted by interested persons through the close of the hearing.

Comments and information submitted to the Division, other than those to be presented at

the hearing, must be received by 5:00 P.M., August 09, 2001, at the following address:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Regulation and Reclamation
333 West Nye Lane, Room 154
Carson City, NV 89706-0851

All comments and information received in writing at the Division, by the time indicated, and during the public hearing will be considered in the final determination regarding the draft permit renewal.

The permit renewal application and all documents subsequent thereto are on file at the Division office in Carson City and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 239.010 and NRS 445A.665. For more information contact Miles Shaw at (775) 687-4670, extension 3125.